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1. B. F. GOODRICH CHEMICAL COMPANY, HEADQUARTERED IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, ADVISES THAT DR. SIMS OF GONZ PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT COMPANY HEADQUARTERS OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 1 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT.

2. SIX MONTHS AGO US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IMPOSED EMERGENCY STANDARD FOR OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO VINYL CHLORIDE OF FIFTY PARTS PER MILLION. THIS STANDARD WAS RE-ISSUED ON OCTOBER 4. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1975, A NEW STANDARD WILL BE IMPOSED OF 1 PART PER MILLION EVERY EIGHT HOURS, AND A CEILING VALUE OF 5 PARTS PER MILLION AT ANY ONE TIME. UNDER SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, EMPLOYER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PUT EMPLOYEES IN RESPIRATORS (QUOTE GAS MASKS UNQUOTE). TEXT OF STANDARDS AS PUBLISHED IN FEDERAL REGISTER OF OCTOBER 4 BEING AIR MAILED TO WELLINGTON.

3. DEPARTMENT TRYING TO COLLECT MORE INFORMATION AND WILL FORWARD TO EMBASSY ASAP. INGERSOLL

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